

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kate G. Berezutskaya on 12/9/09. (see the attached Interview Summary).

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 45 is rewritten as follows:

“The recombinant host cells according to claim 54 wherein said genetically diverse population is derived from in vitro mutagenesis of nucleic acid encoding a member of a specific binding pair.”

Claim 46 is rewritten as follows:

“The recombinant host cells according to claim 45 wherein said member of a specific binding pair comprises a binding domain of an immunoglobulin.”

Claim 48 is rewritten as follows:

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“The recombinant host cells according to claim 54 wherein said genetically diverse population is derived from a repertoire of rearranged immunoglobulin genes of an animal immunized with complementary specific binding pair member.”

Claim 49 is rewritten as follows:

“The recombinant host cells according to claim 54 wherein said genetically diverse population is derived from a repertoire of rearranged immunoglobulin genes of an animal not immunized with complementary specific binding pair member.”

Claim 50 is rewritten as follows:

“The recombinant host cells according to claim 46 wherein said member of a specific binding pair is a scFv molecule.”

Claim 51 is rewritten as follows:

“The recombinant host cells according to claim 54 wherein said member of a specific binding pair is a scFv molecule.”

Claim 52 is rewritten as follows:

“The recombinant host cells according to claim 48 wherein said member of a specific binding pair is a scFv molecule.”

Claim 53 is rewritten as follows:

“The recombinant host cells according to claim 49 wherein said member of a specific binding pair is a scFv molecule.”

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sue Liu whose telephone number is 571-272-5539. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9am-3pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Low can be reached at 571-272-0951. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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